

- **RRTC** will be an international organization intended to integrate the efforts of the researchers and university teachers for developing modern, competitive, safe and comfortable railways on the Balkans.
- **RRTC** will be based at the Higher School of Transport in Sofia and will be open for membership and joint activities to all research and educational institutions in the region and Europe.



MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Surveys of the problems of railway transport on the Balkans in order to present them as priority topics for further research, training courses and mobility;
- Outlining the needs for research projects aiming to meet the EU requirements of sustainable transport development;
- Workshops, courses and dissemination of theoretical and applied science results;
- Support to regional scientific forums, publishing activities and other events enhancing the institutional and personal collaboration in the region.



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- an institution of higher education established in 1922;
- specialized in training and research in the field of surface transport;
- having facilities for training, research and scientific events within the campus;
- participating in projects developed under national and European programs.



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- part of the University of Kragujevac, sited in Central Serbia;
- closely related to development of industry in the surroundings;
- including **Department for Railway Vehicles** and **Railway Vehicles Centre** as faculty units.

Regional Railway Transport Research and Training Centre Foundation



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Trend: Transport-2
Instrument: SSA
Duration: 24 months
Project aim: establishment of a research and training centre in the field of railway transport on the Balkans as part of the European research and educational area.

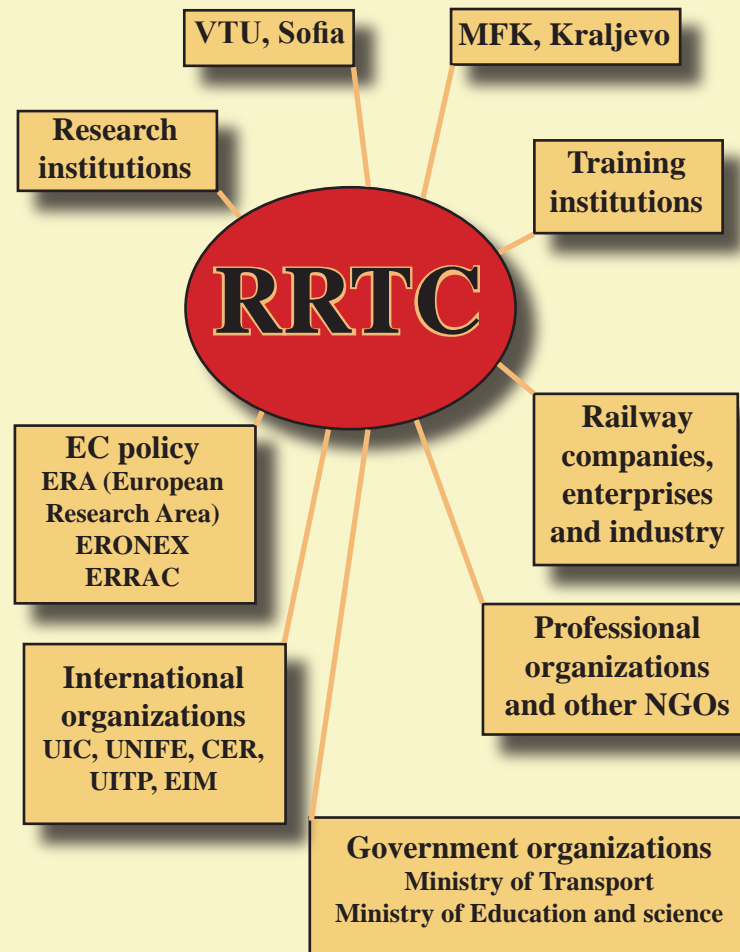
Objectives & Priorities

- to enable further collaboration in the field of research and transport staff training in the region;
- to provide experience exchange and dissemination of research results;
- to create information databases and make them available for the needs of cooperation in future projects;
- to facilitate the applicability of research for improving the railway transport on the Balkan peninsula as an important crossroad in Europe.

Target Groups & Potential Participants

- Research and educational institutions;
- Companies and enterprises connected with railway transport and industry;
- National and international professional organizations.

Rail Research and Training: Possibilities of Cooperation



- Research
- Training
- Conferences
- Workshops
- Development of new projects



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